

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Recording content distribution information into authorized copies of content is performed by modifying an adjunct to content with content distribution information using a functional transformation each time an authorized copy of the content is generated. By thus modifying the adjunct to content, a trail of content distribution information is stored in the adjunct that is extractable from the adjunct in any of such generated copies by sequentially performing an inverse transformation on the adjunct until information of an original copy is detected.